---"Series of 1897"- SNUFF - 458 x 19 mm. - "NOT MORE THAN *40%* MOISTURE" ---

--- RS-54 - 5 Pounds - recess printed in BLACK ink on horizontal mesh wove ---

--- coarse roulette - with 4½ mm. red controls ---

--- with the 24 mm. "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA" **imprint - scanned at 35% scale ---**

Budget of 1891	SNUFF "Not more than 40% moisture"	- 25¢ per pound
	SNUFF "Over 40% moisture"	- 18¢ per pound
	SNUFF "Over 40% moisture" & less than 5 pounds	- 25¢ per pound
Budget of 1908	dropped the moisture specification, and decreased the *excise duty* on SNUFF to 5¢ per pound	

--- not more than 40% moisture ---

★**RS-54 SP** - 5 pounds, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, with control number **068225**, stamped ***Sample*** twice in purple script.

000949	S-130	5 pounds, black, coarse roulette
068225★	S-130 SP	5 pounds, black, coarse roulette, stamped ***Sample*** twice in purple script.
081252 ★	S-130 **	5 pounds, black, coarse roulette, missing both ends, a cylindrical 5½" x 8½" cardboard canister of **Landry's** - ROSE ET FEVE Montreal, Canada - FABRIQUE NO. 10-17.

★**S-130 TP** - 5 pounds, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, without control numbering

★**S-130 TP / CRP** - 5 pounds, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, without control numbering, stamped **CANCELLED** and **Registered** in violet ink

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--- 5 Pounds - Die Proof [CANADA - F - 74 **] - recess printed in black ink ---**

--- inscribed "NOT MORE THAN *40%* MOISTURE" ---

--- with the 24 mm. "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA**" imprint - scanned at 60% scale ---**

★**RS-54 DP -** 5 pounds, black, die proof "CANADA - F - 74" split and mounted on light cardboard
these two sections measure 283 mm. and 175 mm. - scanned at 60% scale

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Question: Are these proofs printed on India paper, and glued down on light cardboard? or are they printed on white surfaced light cardboard and the white surface has been stripped from the missing area? It looks like the printing was removed when 'scotch tape' was stripped from the proofs.

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 8th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN plate No. 2 for the "Series of 1897" five pound "Not More than 40% Moisture" snuff strip. The plate was defaced, and subsequently delivered to the "Royal Canadian Mint" for re-cycling.

The paragraph is taken from information supplied by Chris Ryan.

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